Environmental Clearance for Hydro-power Projects of Kerala

3562. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many hydro-power project proposals from Kerala are pending for clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) the details of those proposals and their latest position; and

(c) Government's reaction to the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The status of the three hydro-power projects submitted by the Government of Kerala, on which decision has not been taken by the Central Government so far, is as under—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Submission	Forest area involved (in ha.)	Status
1.	Kuriarkutty-Karappara Multi-purpose Project in Palakkad	1994	76.369 (originally area was 76.904 ha.)	The proposal was rejected twice on merit. On the request of the State Government, the proposal has been re-considered and State Government has been requested on 16.3.2001 to submit a revised proposal, which is awaited.
2.	Kakkadu Hydro-electric Project	2000	28.902	State Government has been requested for certain additional information on 5.2.2001. Reply from State Government has not been received.
3.	Pooyamkutty Hydro-electric Project	1987	3001.8	The proposal was rejected twice earlier on merit. On the request of the State Government, it has been re-opened in 1997 subject to submission of certain study reports. Only one report has been submitted. The State Government is revising the proposal. Any decision is possible only after the revised proposal is received with pending reports.